

Budget cuts less than were expected

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

Governor Jay Nixon announced his recommended budget proposal during his State of the State address Jan. 19. Considering the state expects to be short at least \$600 million, the highly anticipated budget cuts for four-year colleges and universities were lower than anticipated. The magic number is 7 percent, much lower than the 10, 15 or 20 percent expected by Provost Doug Dunham and the Northwest Leadership Team. The Republican-majority General Assembly has the final decision on whether that number increases or decreases.

"As a starting point, it certainly illustrates that the governor and his office thinks higher education is the key to economic suc-

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IN OTHER NEWS



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President Barack Obama gives his State of the Union address to Congress on Capitol Hill, Tuesday, January 25, 2011 in Washington, D.C.

The future is ours to win'

President Barack Obama gave a motivational half-time locker room chat Tuesday night during his State of the Union address. He spoke of unity in the face of an external threat, referencing Arizona representative Gabrielle Gifford's shooting. But he quickly shifted the speech's mood from reverent to rejuvenating. Obama filled most of his 30-minute speech with reaching-across-the-aisle messages of togetherness and cooperation. He also introduced a five-year freeze on domestic spending that would save \$400 billion, which may have been too weak for Republicans and too limiting for Democrats.



Breaking barriers

Hateful words show our need to 'Erase the Hate'

By Leslie Nelson
Asst. News Editor

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me." Those words were preached to us as children, but as we grew older, we learned that words can hurt.

Those hateful words we never thought would hurt us are now inscribed in bold, black letters on a white wall that stands in front of Papa John's and the Runt in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

"It really hit home for me," RHA president Megan Carson said. "You think in Maryville, Missouri, those things don't happen. You don't hear about hate crimes too often. But those populations are here and things are happening to them and things are happening to us."

Today at 3:30 p.m., according to Carson, the wall will be torn down to symbolize the removal of hate from the Northwest Missouri State campus.

This wall of hate is just one part of a week-long movement that began Monday. "Erase the Hate Week" aims to build unity on a culturally diverse campus.

The BRIDGES kicked off the week with a presentation

called "Hate: Exploring the Dark Side of Humanity."

With such a large foreign exchange student population, Northwest students are exposed to many different types of cultures.

"We're hoping that this week will ease some of the awkwardness and some of the tension and just really highlight the groups on campus instead of segregate," Carson said.

Common Ground, Northwest's gay-straight alliance, held forums on religion and homosexuality on Tuesday.

"We talked it over and decided we wanted to do something that was pretty educational and could show even the religious people the aspect of that, and help educate them about the other angles from religion that you can take that will help you understand and be more accepting," Dalton Williams, Common Ground's vice president, said.

Common Ground also held a program called Safe Zone training.

"You take a pledge to make your classroom or your working environment a safe zone for people of all races, gender, anything like that," Carson said.

Wednesday's events were sponsored by the Alliance of Black Collegians. They gave a presentation called "Erasing the Stereotypes." Wednes-



(TOP) ALEJANDRA RAMIREZ writes an offensive word she has been called on The Hate Wall. A wall where students write down hurtful things they have been called. (ABOVE) KATIE STANBERRY contributes to The Hate Wall by writing a slanderous word she has been called. The wall will be torn down today at 3:30pm at the 2nd floor in the student union.

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day ended with a rave at the Union.

Today's events wrap up the week with Dr. Maura Cullen's presentation for faculty and staff and then for the entire campus.

"Her programs are specifically about how to communicate with people: what's offensive to say, what's not offensive to say, what can

help stimulate a conversation," said Carson. "I really hope people are not only just interested, but develop some type of curiosity that continues so that they're actually excited about meeting new people."

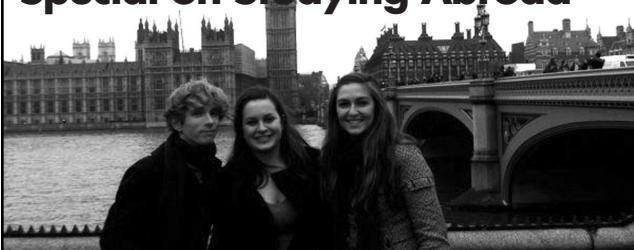
RHA, Common Ground, the Alliance of Black Collegians and SAC have high hopes for the week and its

impact on the campus. They hope the campus will learn to tolerate and accept other cultures.

"That's the main thing, education and teaching people how to be more tolerant, more understanding. And give them our view and show them why there's nothing wrong with the different ethnicities," Dalton said.



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Possible cuts may hurt campus stations

By Trey Williams
News Editor

In a time where budget cuts have become as common as the flu, Congress has threatened public broadcasting with more cuts.

Every month, over half of all Americans use public media, according to 170millionamericans.org. Each month, approximately 170 million Americans tune in to about 368 public TV stations, 934 public radio stations and hundreds of online services. Over half of all Americans, 170 million people, have pronounced their support for public broadcasting.

Congress has proposed



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SENIOR JASON ROMANO gives a national news update for the Campus NPR affiliate 90.5 KXCV. The state is going to cut funds for NPR with the coming budget cuts.

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Farmer driving laws seminar

Free information session to instruct local farmers

By Leslie Nelson
Asst. News Editor

The Missouri Department of Transportation will offer a free seminar in February to educate farmers on state and federal transportation laws.

Most farmers do not

realize that their commercial motor vehicles are subject to these transportation laws and that they are exempt from others.

"Farmers are exempt from certain motor vehicle laws as long as they in turn follow some simple rules," DeAnne Rickabaugh, MoDOT spokesperson for Motor Carrier services, said.

Local farmer Steve Spelter believes these

transportation laws are important.

"It forces you to keep your truck in good shape and keep it updated," Spelter said. "It keeps the highways a lot safer."

Farmers must keep track of maintenance and the number of hours spent behind the wheel. If stopped, they must present proper documentation

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Forum seeks input in superintendent search

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Community members will get their input in the search for the Maryville R-II School District's next superintendent.

Bob Watkins, the private consultant hired by the Missouri School Board Association, will be in town this evening to hear opinions on what they would like to see in the next superintendent.

The school staff, teachers and administration in addition to community members will all give input.

Vickie Miller is retiring at the end of the fiscal year on June 30 after seven years in charge of the district. She submitted her resignation Dec. 15, to give the School Board ample time to find candidates, and the Board unanimously accepted and went to work looking for a replacement the following

day. Miller said that the anticipated hire date for her replacement is Feb. 5 with a start date of July 1. Several criteria have been put into place for potential candidates.

"Superintendent experience is preferred," Miller said. "A superintendent certificate is required, having a license, and (School Board)

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Police Blotter | Nodaway County Sheriff Dept.

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The Nodaway County Sheriff Department provided incidents reported in this log. All subjects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 8
Four individuals were arrested for Drugs-Marijuana-Sell. Mia L. Wiley, 18, Maryville, MO, Dylan C. Scobee, 23, Maryville, MO, Holly G. Hurd, 19, Maryville, MO, were all arrested for Drugs-Marijuana-Sell.

A Maryville subject reported a Domestic Dispute. After investigation Chad A. Steeve, 36, Maryville, was arrested for 3rd degree assault.

A Ravenwood, MO subject reported Property Damage to his vehicle while sitting outside of his home.

Jan. 11
Joshua D. Fiene, 19, Maryville, was arrested on a Nodaway County Warrant for fraudulent use of a credit/debit card device.

Kaelan A. McDaniels, 17, Independence, MO was arrested for Drugs-Marijuana-Possession 35 grams or less.

Jan. 12
Jeff F. Keever, 51, Quitman, MO was arrested on a 24 hour hold for domestic assault-2nd degree. After investigation Keever was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for Domestic Assault-2nd degree.

Jan. 14
James R. Scott, 23, Maysville, MO was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Jan. 16
Amy L. Allen, 34, Columbus, NE was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear on possession of a controlled substance.

Dale J. Frueh, 35, Maryville, MO was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear on a speeding charge.

Jan. 17
A Maryville, MO subject reported a diesel fuel theft from their business in Maryville, MO.

Jan. 18
A Maryville, MO subject reported property damage to her mailbox outside of her home.

Jan. 20
Weston R. Wolfe, 20, Barnard, MO was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forcible rape and statutory rape, sexual intercourse with a person less than 14 years old.

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

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Jan. 11
There is an ongoing investigation for larceny at 1500 block East 1st Street.

Jan. 17
Brian A. Hess, 36, Oregon, MO, was charged with driving while revoked at 1000 block South Market.

Candace L. Smith, 23, city, was charged with failure to register motor vehicle at 600 block South Main.

There was report of a vehicle fire at 1200 block South Main.

Jan. 18
William R. Dymond, 53, Burlington JCT., MO, was charged with disorderly conduct at 1000 block East 1st Street.

Jan. 19
Thomas E. Hooker, 50, Glenmoore, PA, was charged with a city code violation at 100 block South Main.

Erika J. Pennington, 27, city, was charged with expired plates and failure to maintain financial responsibility at 1000 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for stealing by deceit at 1500 block North Main.

There was a Kitchen Fire reported at 1100 block North Fillmore.

Jan. 21
Mary F. Bass, 20, city, was charged with a Minor in Possession at 200 block West 3rd Street.

There were recovered property signs at 1200 block West 19th Street.

Tarah S. Gutzmer, 20, city, was charged with Driving while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, assault on a PSO, and failing to stop at a posted stop sign at 1000 block North Fillmore.

Jan. 22
There is an ongoing investigation for assault at 300 block North Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation for assault at 200 block South Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at 100 block East 1st Street.

Jan. 23
Ethan W. Oelze, 21, Ravenwood, MO was charged with disorderly conduct at 300 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation for trespassing at 1500 block North Main.

There is an ongoing investigation for property damage at 300 block West 5th Street.

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CARS SPEED PAST the empty Baskin Robbins on Fourth Street. If buildings meet city requirements there is no set limit for how long they can remain empty.

Buildings in need of use

Structures stand vacant, ready for new businesses

By Ben Lawson
Missourian Reporter

Buildings are left vacant and unused around the Maryville community with few plans made for these structures' future.

As long as these buildings meet the guidelines set by the Maryville Public Works Code, there is no limit to how long they can remain unoccupied. Examples of code violations are broken windows and signs as well as damage to the building's structure.

With the nation's economy in the state it is, the

number of failed businesses could be a cause for concern about Maryville's economy, but C.E. Goodall, Maryville Public Works director, is not worried. Goodall says the open buildings could mean good things for the city.

"Like every community, we love to see new businesses coming in and these empty buildings provide a space for that," Goodall said.

A building permit must be obtained from the Maryville Public Works office for any major changes or renovations to be made on one of these buildings. In the past five months only one permit has been attained.

Last October, Ken

Hutchins purchased a vacant building just north of Wal-Mart on Main Street. Hutchins is a Nevada, Mo. resident that has made a career out of purchasing empty Wal-Mart facilities. This is the fifth building he has purchased. Before Hutchins purchases a building he goes through a careful process to decide if the town can support new businesses.

"I do my homework carefully. I analyze the size of the town and see what businesses it can support based on the businesses on other similar towns," Hutchins said.

The building Hutchins

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OUR VIEW

Competitively separated

In a culture that values market competition so highly, it is little wonder how differences and quirks become weaknesses and faults. Capitalism and the American dream are two business-minded doctrines instilled in us since our youth, but create tension with society-minded words like "equality" and "plurality."

For example, immigrants seeking work in America will not be as successful as similarly qualified "native" Americans, or those who were born and raised here. Blame the status quo, but employers value written and communication skills too highly to hire someone who is not completely fluent in English and does not have a firm grasp of American cultural nuances. Their cultural nuances may contribute to the success of a company or productivity of an office, but it will usually be ignored because it is foreign and unusual. It is unfortunate, but true.

The integration of homosexuality has been a relatively recent transition into American culture. That said, it is still a lifestyle choice that faces much hostility and disapproval. The

street term "homophobe," referring to a male who is simply terrified of homosexual males, aptly summarizes the awkwardness between two very different groups of people.

Awkwardness does not result in synergy, which explains the overall absence of homosexuals in the workplace. And until there are enough qualified homosexual businesspeople to become a social influence, they are a minority and are inferior, according to our competitive standards.

Therefore, social plurality and cultural individuality will not coexist. Either an individual proudly shows his or her unfamiliar characteristics and risks rejection, or this individual dilutes their unique traits and conforms to the mass of straight, white corporate America and prosers.

This is a trend, not a rule, and it can only diminish as time passes and new each generation is born with less prejudgment. For now, maybe it is time to consider how our love affair with competition hinders our progress toward social pluralism.



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JACLYN KUNKEL, A member of Common Ground, tells her fellow members about herself at their meeting Jan. 20. Their annual Drag Show will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in the Student Union ballroom.

The problem with educating everyone

By Philip Gruenwald
Associate Editor

When President Barack Obama announced in August that he would like to increase the number of college graduates in America from 40 percent to 60 percent in the next ten years, education experts took another deep breath. This was the next step in his controversial education plans, which include a longer school year and a quasi-Darwinist approach to low-performing schools. Now that Governor Jay Nixon has announced a similar plan for increasing the number of college graduates in Missouri, it is time to consider actual education reform.

During his State of the State address last Wednesday, Nixon announced his plan to increase the number of Missouri college graduates to 60 percent by 2020. To prove his commitment, he next announced his proposal to cut funding for higher education institutions by 7 percent — much lower than anticipated.

Maybe Nixon forgot to read the USA Today study that found 45 percent of American undergraduate students showed no significant gain in learning during their first two years in college. By shoving more students into the grand halls of academia, does he think the educational quality of these institutions will increase?

Instead, the actual worth of

“ Maybe the students who responded follow the belief that college is about getting a job, not earning an education.”

Hopefully the term "qualified" means "more challenging." The USA Today report continues to show that students today spend half the amount of time studying as students from previous generations. Half of us also did not write more than 20 pages in a single semester class.

As the curtain lifts, student apathy is revealed. Maybe the students who responded follow the belief that college is about getting a job, not earning an education. In that case, Governor Nixon, please amend your plan to increase enrollment so that it pertains only to trade schools. The rest of us will enjoy working for a quality liberal arts education.

CAMPUS TALK

Do you think we have progressed in terms of equality and tolerance?



"Yes, because if you look at how prevalent groups are today there are more groups that are general toward a specific religion or race, so I feel that is a sign of progression and acceptance."

Kenny Brengle
Physical Education



"Yes, because the younger generations are showing more tolerance than before."

Marissa Long
Psychology



"Yes, because in today's time there are so many more religions so I believe America is more tolerant of religious beliefs."

Cameron Radley
Undecided



"Yes and no. Sometimes it seems like people are becoming more tolerant but they still don't accept it."

Alisa Winguist
Elementary Education



"No, because there are many Americans that are still afraid of change and they don't want to make it a race or religious thing but in reality it is whether they want to believe so or not."

Deandre Matlock
Biology/Psychology



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Weak scholarships during tuition increases

By Andrew Abbott
Contributing Columnist

With the start of a new year, Northwest students will see many changes around campus. One unwelcomed change may be rising tuition rates. As Northwest's tuition freeze deal with Governor Jay Nixon's office comes to an end, the University is left with very few options.

In order to make up for the foreseen deficit, Northwest will certainly raise tuition for students. The consumer always pays, and in this case the consumer happens to be the 7,000 students. With tuition increases on the horizon and an array of sub-par scholarships, will Northwest still be able to thrive as an affordable and high quality institution?

Currently, the cost per credit hour for in-state residents is \$234.89. When looking to the cost of tuition at Northwest, it is important to compare relatively similar institutions.

Northwest's neighbor and dreaded rival to the south currently charges \$166.40. Another similar Missouri institution is the University of Central Missouri. Its per credit hour cost is \$195.30. Although Northwest is not the most expensive public university in the state, it definitely ranks up there.

Tuition is just one thing people look at when choosing a school to attend. The quality and availability of scholarships is one way to lessen the impact on a prospective student's wallet. One of the biggest problems facing Northwest is their lack of high-quality scholarships.

Their highest scholarship, The President's Scholarship, is only awarded to 10 students and only amounts to \$2,500 a semester. To break it down, that only covers about a 10 credit hour semester.

This highly competitive scholarship is the top award Northwest grants, and it doesn't even provide a

full ride to high achieving students. Our southern neighbor's top award is an outstanding \$3,750 a semester. This trend continues on down the list. Northwest is constantly underachieving in the area of student scholarships.

I wonder what one has to do to go to Northwest for free? In times of tight budgets, you may have a better chance as an athletic star than an academic one. Northwest needs to promote higher academic standards, and it could certainly start by maintaining these achievement-based scholarships.

Understandably, times are tough for everyone right now and institutions like Northwest are reacting to harsh budget cuts. But that is no reason to ignore recognition of high-achieving students. Perhaps when the market regains its health and state funds are higher, high-achieving students can be rewarded with free Northwest attendance.

WHAT THE DEUCE

China skirts Tibet tumult, talks trade



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A Tibetan protester named Norzin, and others make their voices heard near the Chicago Hilton hotel in Chicago, amid a visit from Chinese President Hu Jintao on Thursday, Jan. 20.

Chinese President Hu Jintao met with President Barack Obama last week to discuss trade agreements, military relations and tension in countries such as North Korea, Iran and Sudan. The summit was considered a huge success, breaking previously unbroken ground in trade and communication between the countries.

However, the two world leaders could not reach consensus on Tibetan relations. Jintao offered few comments on the issue, essentially warning Obama that that it was not something he should meddle with.

Meanwhile, China has been beefing up its military with a new stealth bomber, stricter airspace and maritime boundaries and a naval defensive strategy that includes aircraft carriers and land-to-sea missiles.

With any luck, that additional firepower will serve as a shotgun-behind-the-door threat to trigger-happy North Korean forces. Until then, China is a country lacking human rights, just now a more powerful one.

This is the kind of diplomacy world leaders need to participate in, not selling weapons to enemies of enemies or simply invading other countries. Now that more American exports are gracing Chinese ports, perhaps Obama can use that as leverage to bring real action to Chinese-Tibetan relations. Jintao needs to know that we will not negotiate with a nation who refuses Tibetan rights and ignores North Korean hostility.

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three bills, which will cut or eliminate funding for public broadcasting by 2012. 170 Million Americans is a campaign to bring awareness to Congress about the importance of public broadcast.

Since public broadcasting is non-commercial programming, it relies entirely on federal funding. KXCV-KNRW, Northwest's public broadcasting stations, have already undergone budget decreases due to University cut backs and depend on approximately 10 to 12 percent, or \$162,000, in federal funding. Losing this source of funding would put the station in an extremely tough situation, according to Rodney Harris, KXCV-KRNW general manager and director of broadcast services.

KXCV-KNRW, according to Harris, offers 24 paid positions each trimester. Harris also said that if such cuts were to happen, KXCV-KNRW might have to consider downsizing.

"There's another 10-20 percent cut looming for fiscal year 2012. The one constant that we've had, we've been able to rely on our 10-12 percent federal fund-

ing," Harris said. "If that goes away that really causes lots of problems. We'll have to adapt and adjust. We might not be able to offer some of your favorite programming."

Harris sees and stresses the importance of public broadcast.

"(The 170 Million American campaign) is basically a way to organize America's broadcasting system," Harris said. "And also bring together our members and listeners, viewers and others to believe that a strong public media is important to the country, providing non-partisan news and cultural programming and providing non-commercial educational programming."

One of the pros of public broadcasting is it offers non-partisan, non-bias news. Harris feels this is one of the biggest reasons public broadcasts need to stay around.

"Now more than ever in a time where you hear a lot of partisan news, either from the left or the right, you hear a lot of civil discourse, not much civility sometimes," Harris said. "Now more than ever we believe that non-partisan news organizations like public broadcast is imperative."

Anyone over the age of 13 can show his or her support just by visiting 170millionamericans.org and registering.

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faster internet connection and updated software.

"I talked to one of the PERTs and he said the software alone was worth the two dollars," Student Regent Joe Barbosa said.

The senate proposed an additional fee to cover the Safe Ride program. Students would pay either 50 cents or 75 cents per credit hour. A 50 cent fee would allow the program to run on Thursday nights, provide new vehicles every five years, add three student jobs and allow for a full-time dispatcher. A 75 cent fee would cover all those, an additional three new student jobs, a handicap accessible van and increase Wednesday's shuttle service hours.

"This is actually a fee I'm really excited about,"

Templeton said. "The creation of a safe ride fee, which gives it a sustainable revenue source to help make sure that the program continues."

These fees are still in committee and are being discussed by Student Senate. Once approved by Student Senate, they will move to the administration. If the administration approves, the fees will then be sent back to the Student Senate for a final approval. The fees will then be added to tuition for next year.

"I think the administration has done a really good job to make sure that our fees aren't skyrocketing," Templeton said. "I think everyone understands the position that students are in and they've done a great to provide us with fees that make sense and fees that are going to provide tangible benefits back to students."

WASTE

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Smart says she likes the new reusable containers and what they do for the environment.

"I like them because they save paper," Smart said. "Although they waste water to wash them, I feel like paper is a bigger issue than water right now."

While the program has been successful on other campuses, some students may agree with Smart that the process could be more efficient.

"It's not a great system right now," Smart said. "I think eventually they might get it down to be more convenient."

Students can purchase a reusable container for \$5 from any cashier. When you pay, you receive a key tag that can be turned in, in exchange for one of the to-go containers. When students are done, they return them and either pick up a new one or receive another key tag.

BUDGET

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cess," Dunham said.

Nixon's recommendation for four-year colleges' appropriations in 2012 is about \$712 million, down from \$765 million in the 2011 budget.

Northwest's 200-plus academic affairs departments just submitted their budget proposals, each recommending how they can operate with less funding. Dunham

employees are not going to get an increase," Dunham said. "We as an institution are going to try to make the case to the state that we can't do that – that we need to develop a two or three year strategy to at least help bring our employees up to the market."

To comply with recent Missouri law, Northwest can only raise their tuition by the annual Consumer Price Index, which is 1.5 percent for the 2011-2012 year. Any more than that and the University must apply for a waiver from the Missouri Department of Higher Education. Combined with the previously booked tuition increase, undergraduate students could see a tuition increase of 4.2 percent.

These increases are necessary to facilitate Northwest's priorities on student success, according to Dunham.

"We still need to make sure that we are right aligned and we are investing in areas that need investment," Dunham said. "We are working toward a strategy-driven budget rather than a budget-driven strategy. And if this seven percent budget sticks, that eases up some of the pressure so that we can work toward that strategy-driven budget."

We are working toward a strategy-driven budget rather than a budget-driven strategy.

Provost Doug Dunham

However, students across the board will still see a tuition increase. Northwest suggested an increase of 2.7 percent last year, but the state "booked" the addition, reserving it for the 2011-2012 school year. On top of that, Northwest may need additional income to meet their needs, including faculty and staff salary increases.

The governor mentioned (Jan. 19) that state

TWEET

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A year ago I wouldn't even have been able to write this column. Twitter wasn't the medium it is now. Tons of celebrities, organizations, sports teams and television personalities have Twitter

accounts and post information on them quicker than journalists can get a story out on the same issue.

I'm shocked the NFL hasn't put a bigger restriction on the use of Twitter and other social networking sites. Players and coaches can't tweet during their games, but the minute it's over the tweets start flood-

ing in.

Give it time, but the NFL will come down with harsh penalties – that make Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison's \$100,000 in fines for "illegal" hits look like pocket change – for derogatory posts about other players, teams, or the league itself.

I'm all for it. Hopefully

the NFL, other leagues and even networks with personalities that use Twitter levy fines or even ban it. I'm tired of all of the headlines coming from the latest tweets and I don't think it's for the better. This should be the last straw, it's time that leagues take control of the situation.

LOSSES

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Unfortunately, this is not just a one-year thing – it has been going on for three years now.

In McCollum's inaugural season, the 'Cats went 12-15, dropping the last four to miss the MIAA Tournament.

The 2008-09 team

dropped the last three en route to finishing 12-15, also missing out on the postseason in former coach Steve Tappmeyer's final season at Northwest.

All of those losses came on the heels of a preseasn ranking, a 24-8 record and a NCAA South Central Regional appearance in 2007-08.

Allen has been the constant on all of these teams, enjoying the wins and waiting for the losing to be over,

but he still has hope for this team, even after he's gone.

"I think in the offseason, it's going to take a lot of the players just working out on their own and getting some shots up," Allen said. "Every person on the team needs to do it, it's not just one person. It should be every single player, so they can make everybody else better."

"Then definitely do some recruiting, too, after losing me and Arunas (Simanavicius), who've been

playing here awhile. It's going to take some leadership. Someone is going to have to step up and keep on going."

However, there are still 10 games left to be played and the 'Cats still have not been mathematically eliminated from the MIAA Tournament.

"We don't have any chance if we don't think we can make it," McCollum said. "I think we've got a chance, you've just got to win a game."

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of both.

"We hate for somebody to get caught in a misunderstanding and have a ticket," Rickabaugh said.

According to Rickabaugh, some of these laws even change once the motor vehicle crosses state lines. The seminar will help teach farmers these details.

The seminar will pres-

ent different situations the farmers could find themselves in and the rules they must follow in those situations. It will also state the different laws they are exempt from.

"They'll benefit by learning how they can best take advantage of the motor vehicle law exemptions," Rickabaugh said.

The free seminar will be Feb. 9 at the State Office Building in St. Joseph. You can register by calling 1-866-831-6277 or by clicking the "training" link at modot.org/mcf.

EMPTY

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Hutchins purchased previously housed Wal-Mart but has been left vacant since the retail giant moved to its current location in early 2000.

Since purchasing the building, Hutchins has renovated it so two separate businesses can operate out of the structure. Hineline Home Furnishings, currently located at 1112 South Main Street, bought the south end

of the building and plans on moving this spring.

The north end of the building does not currently have a tenant, but Hutchins is in discussions with people interested in leasing the space.

Prime locations like 217 and 221 West Fourth Street are left unfilled. These buildings were once a Baskin Robbins and Bearcat Express, respectively. With these unfilled buildings so close to campus they are a prime space for future businesses but no plans have been made.

FORUM

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prefer a doctorate, but it's not required. Those are the big picture things they've asked for in a successful candidate."

Maryville High School Principal Jason Eggers said

that with any change in leadership comes a huge impact across the district.

"Dr. Miller has done a great job, she's been great to work with and really moved our district, I think in a positive direction," Eggers said. "Bringing in a change of leadership is an important piece."

"Right now, I think it's

a tough economic time for a superintendent, in my opinion, so somebody that is savvy with that and that can keep the district financially stable will help us continuing in making positive impact on student achievement in all of the schools."

The forum for community members will be

at 6 p.m. tonight at the Maryville R-II Administrative Building located at 1429 S. Munn.

"That will be a great opportunity for people in the community and all the staff of any kind to give input so that, since it is an outside agency, they kind of know how to narrow down the candidates," Eggers said.

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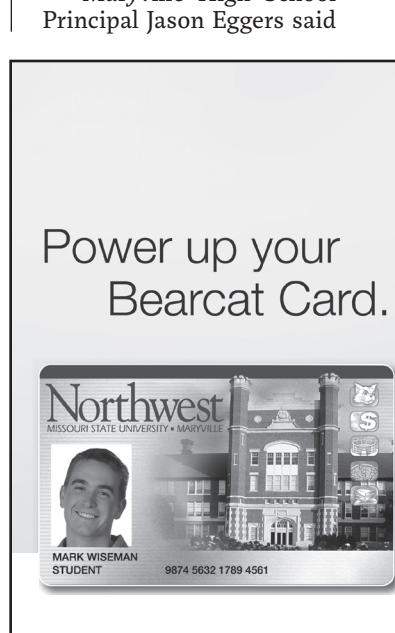


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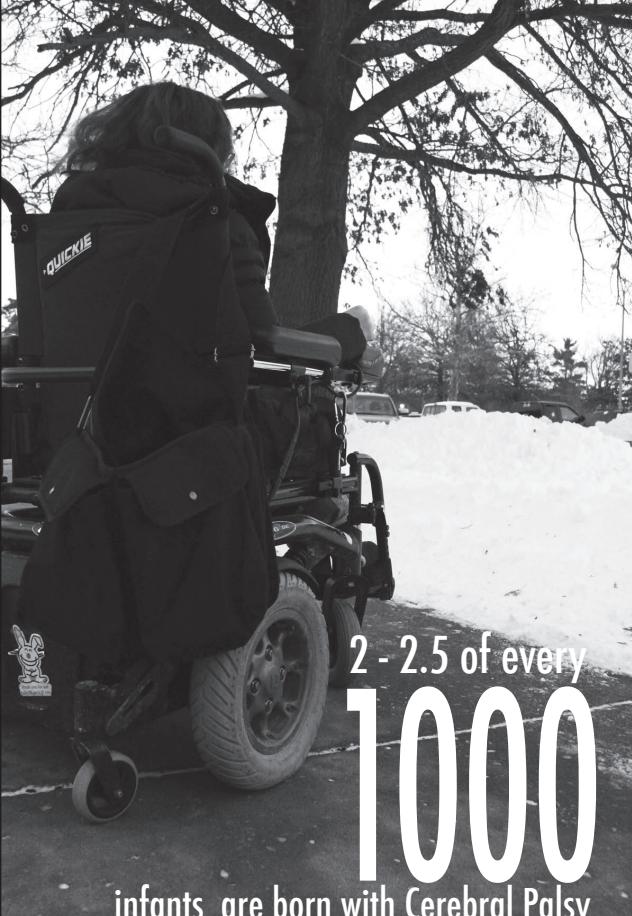
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Winter Worries



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infants are born with Cerebral Palsy

CHRISTINE CHINBERG | EDITOR OF VISUAL JOURNALISM
JUNIOR RACHEL SLOAN make her way back to her dorm room in the ridged winter weather. Rachel was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at birth.

Disabled students find a way despite weary weather

By Trey Williams
News Editor

Cerebral Palsy is a non-progressive impairment of muscular function and weakness of the limbs, caused by lack of oxygen to the brain immediately after birth, brain injury during birth or a viral infection. According to About.com, there are approximately 764,000 children and adults in the U.S. with Cerebral Palsy, half of whom use assistive devices such as braces, walkers and wheelchairs to get around.

Rachel Sloan, a second-year junior and book enthusiast, was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy at birth and uses her motorized wheelchair to get from point A to point B. And she has known no other way.

"I get around pretty well," Sloan said. "My legs don't work very well, but my brain works just fine and my mouth works even better."

Tyler Propst, a sophomore accounting major, was also born with Cerebral Palsy and has learned to get wherever he needs to, using the crutches he has had all his life.

"You get used to it when it's your only option," Propst said.

Dealing everyday with Cerebral Palsy is not something that comes easy for them, especially when having to adjust to a new environment and routine such as coming to college and getting around campus. But they manage.

"It's hard. I'm not gonna say it's easy or that I do it gracefully," Sloan said. "Nothing could be more Hollywood - esque than saying I handle it just fine, it just seems that way. It's just not easy being in a place that's built for people who can walk, and that's anywhere."

And when the abnormal



KEVIN BIRDSELL | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

SOPHOMORE TYLER PROPS travles campus with his crutches at hand. Slippery streets and snow covered sidewalks add difficulty to manuvering around in Maryville weather.

weather of Maryville is added to the equation, getting from home to class, to meetings, to the Union and back home becomes more challenging. However, Sloan and Propst both, make it work.

"Coming to Northwest, it definitely took some adjusting walking back and forth to class and I got used to that, and then it snowed," Propst said. "I knew I'd have to give myself extra time to get places, and I did and it worked out alright. Yeah you slip, you fall sometimes. It happens, but there's really nothing you can do about it."

Both Propst and Sloan have either slipped and fallen on the ice, been stuck in the snow or been faced with other road blocks due to the weather.

"There's definitely people who freak out, they're like 'Oh my god are you ok?' And there are times when, yeah, I'm fine, I get up, I move on and then are times where it just takes me a minute to get back up and everything," Propst said. "People help me get up if I need it, but it's funny because I have friends who slip and fall and people have just walked by them."

Although labeled "disabled," neither Propst nor Sloan are prone to ask for help every time they find themselves in a jam.

"I don't like (asking for help). I absolutely hate it," Sloan said. "I was raised by my mom and dad to take care of myself. There were times when they'd be like 'I'm going to choose not to help you in this situation because I think you can get out for yourself' and it was times like that where I was just like, I'm not ever going to take for granted that people are going to help me because sometimes... they don't."

"I just don't like asking for it because there's always the chance that somebody can say, 'Sorry I just don't want to help' or 'I just don't know how to help,' and that scares me."

But as Sloan has found out, sometimes she does not have to ask.

"My freshman year it was a downpour, the wind was bad and it was raining and hail and everything else and all my friends that I could readily call were either in class or at work," Sloan said. "So when it starts

raining really bad my battery sometimes just quits because of the water.

"So I was stuck and there was this guy who was walking by and I didn't even say anything because I was cursing the elements and I wasn't doing it quietly and without me having to ask he says 'Looks like you need some help, where do you live?' I was all the way across campus and he was like 'What do I have to do?' I offered to get out and help him, but he was like 'No, stay there, I got it.' And he pushed me all the way across campus in the rain without a coat, no umbrella, the works."

When winter finds its way to Maryville, or rain, or wind, or hail, it poses a challenge to everyone. Anybody is likely to slip and fall or find it too difficult to get out and about. Everyone is likely to complain that the weather is harsh or that the sidewalks are not clear enough. But for Rachel Sloan, Tyler Propst and other students with disabilities, the challenge is slightly amplified. But either on their own or with a little push, they manage.

Dr. Dallas Fitzgerald



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Worlds Away



Students broaden cultural, educational horizons worldwide

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Features Editor

The study abroad programs Northwest provides for students are not only a chance to travel, but they provide a unique opportunity to fully immerse yourself in another culture. The students who have taken these opportunities claim their experiences were nothing short of extraordinary.

"There is so much out there for you to see. Unless you spend a good amount of time interacting with the culture, you are only scratching the surface of that place's history," junior Andrea May said.

May traveled to Preston, England for the fall semester and loved the experience, calling it life changing. She traveled to England through International Student Exchange Program, and learned about it through Northwest's international studies department. May talked about the relaxed atmosphere England had, and how studying abroad helped her meet new people.

"I met a lot of people from different countries. You really bond with international students," May said.

While talking with students from all over, May noticed how the living areas were so different from the

United States. May commented on the atmosphere and the freedom the students were given while there.

"We got our own rooms and shared a kitchen. When I talked to another international student, he said the concept of sharing a living space was not normal to him," May said.

The trip uncovered many unknown cultural differences for May; she said it was easy to notice the cultural distinctions between England and the United States.

"Their attitudes are so different. Talking with students from the west coast made me realize that the Midwest, even, is different from the rest of the United States," May said.

The best part of the programs is that the students have the freedom to travel to places other than their central location, giving them the ability to see more than they expect.

"Traveling is so much cheaper over there. It is a great experience to travel, you will never get another experience like this," May said.

Probably one of the best benefits of studying abroad is the pricing. The only additional costs are entertainment and airfare. Students pay the same tuition price as they pay to study at Northwest, through the various programs.

In the midst of learning another country's history and meeting new people, the joy of traveling seemed to be only a small factor in the incredible learning experience one can gain

from studying abroad. Not only does the trip include exposure to the culture and train hopping to new places, but it also gives students the opportunity to learn material in your major overseas.

"The schoolwork was very different. It was a fun challenge and there was a new teacher every week," senior Nate Retzlaff said.

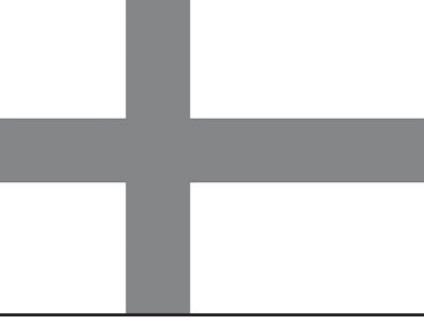
Retzlaff spent his fall semester in Dorbin, Austria, through the Magellan Exchange program. Retzlaff said the experience was both fun and challenging.

"The atmosphere was very laid back and much slower than the United States. The curriculum was very different, especially the eight hour days," Retzlaff said.

Between spending time learning the language, gaining credits and taking the trip of a lifetime, students cannot help but shout out their excitement for studying abroad. The experience one gains from traveling to a new country can have a significant impact on a student's perspective about their future; many who travel while in college make it a goal to go again.

"I plan to join the Peace Corps when I graduate. Hopefully it will allow me to travel to more places and learn," May said.

Whether you like travel, culture or the peaceful balance between adventure and learning, the study abroad programs offered through Northwest have proven to be life changing.



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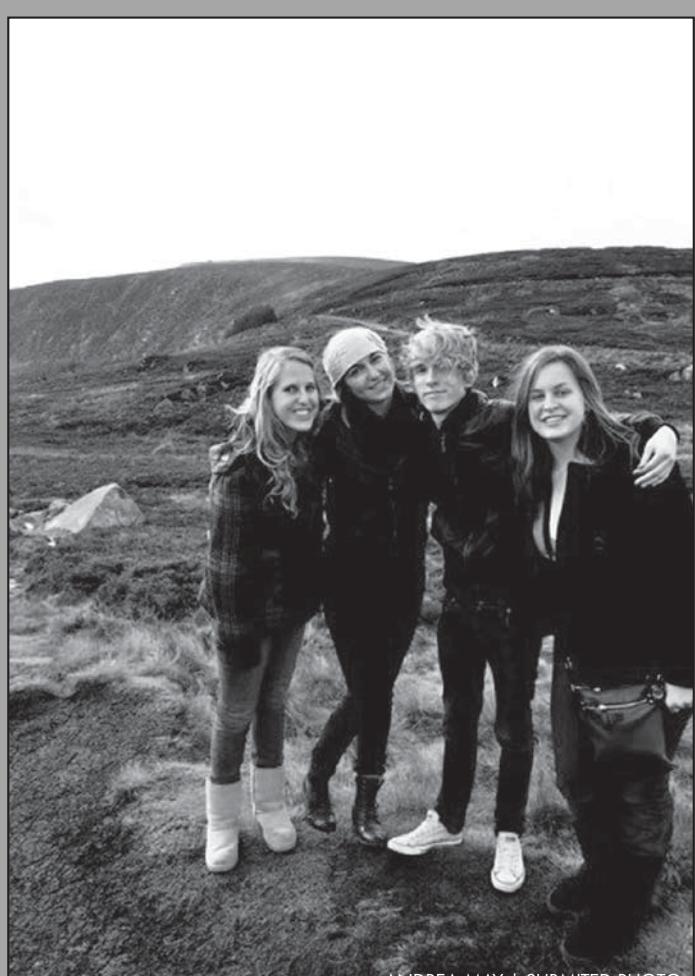
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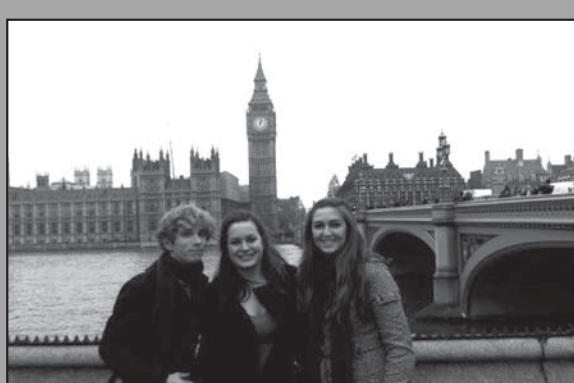
NATE RETZLAFF ON the slopes of the Austrian Alps. Retzlaff and friends enjoyed a day of skiing.



NATE RETZLAFF VISITS the Colosseum in Rome. Retzlaff and his group of students got to take weekend trips to numerous tourist locations.



ANDREA MAY (FAR RIGHT) stands with friends looking across the breathtaking Ireland scenery, just feet from the road where the Tour de France took place that year.



ANDREA MAY (MIDDLE) smiles at the camera with her friends at the famous Big Ben in London. She traveled there from her study abroad location in Preston, England.

It was a fun challenge and there was a new teacher every week.

-Nate Retzlaff

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The Decemberists create poetic success

Band conveys a deep harmonious message in music

By Ben Lawson
 Missourian Reporter

The Decemberists sing on despair, unity, hope and freedom in their latest venture, *The King is Dead*. The six-piece act returns with strong folk songs drenched in lead singer Colin Meloy's poetic voice.

The King is Dead is nothing new for Decemberists fans, but that is far from a bad thing. The band uses a unique combination of accordions, harmonicas, organs and acoustic guitars to create songs that feel like they want to tell you something.

The Decemberists put a modern spin on folk by mixing in rock beats and the occasional electric guitar along with a story-telling vocal style. On the surface, *The King is Dead* is pleasing to hear because of its relaxed feel and upbeat tones.

Beneath the surface is Meloy's poetry. His voice is the perfect supplement to his unique lyrical style. He possesses a vocabulary to rival an Ivy League English professor and uses every bit of it in his songs.

The Decemberists do what most musical acts today do not do: write songs with depth and meaning. Meloy sings like a man possessing wisdom far beyond his age, proving he has something to say and does so on this great album.

Meloy writes on a bleak world in "Calamity Song," a world in which "all this is left is the arms of the angels." But later he challenges the world in "This is Why We Fight." He sings "Come the war, come avarice.... We will die with our arms unbound." Meloy sings for freedom after discussing the "war of the endtimes." The topics on the album range far and the Decemberist's talent could go even farther.

This is the Decemberists' sixth album and they have not slipped up yet in their nine-year recording career. If this group keeps pumping out albums like this, they could still have a long career ahead of them. This album is proof there are still some real artists left in the music industry.



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THE STROLLER

Staying warm on, around campus

Alright, I'm a wuss. Walking around campus in low-degree weather with high-speed, icy cold winds has gotten the better of me, and I need some solutions.

The problem is, I've used up all the obvious options. For example, I invested in a scarf after a stinging snowstorm sent a barrage of snowflakes crashing around my neck. It felt like I was being pelted by slushies.

The scarf was a little too Elton John for me (if you know what I mean), so I bought a Carhartt jacket. Boy, was that a mistake. The farmer kids mocked me, calling me a poser, and everyone else hailed clever

insults at me such as, "Hey, John Deere, did you fall off your tractor?" and "Nice boots, Garth Brooks." I don't even like Garth Brooks that much.

I have decided that my best option would be to minimize my time spent between buildings by using some sort of increased mobility. Some possibilities are: bike, tricycle or unicycle (because I don't want to discriminate), golf cart, skateboard or rickshaw with a hired Vietnamese servant boy.

But wouldn't I surrender my prestigious title with one of these? If I'm cruising around on a skateboard, I'm not exactly strolling. I guess I would

be classified as a Roller. Or if I told jokes on my unicycle I could be a LOLler. Or I could ride a scooter and be a Tool.

I do have my eye on a Barbie Jeep. I just hope the 6-inch plastic wheels can handle my girth. If that doesn't work, expect to see me running from academic hall to academic hall in my cozy, warm Carhartt jacket. I don't care if kids with big belt buckles throw feed corn at me – that is one heck of a coat.

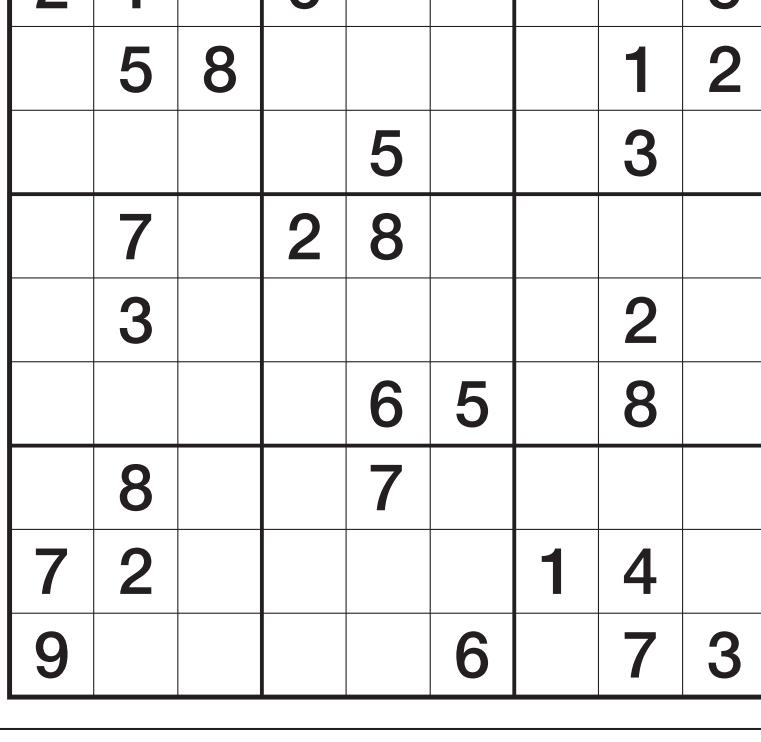
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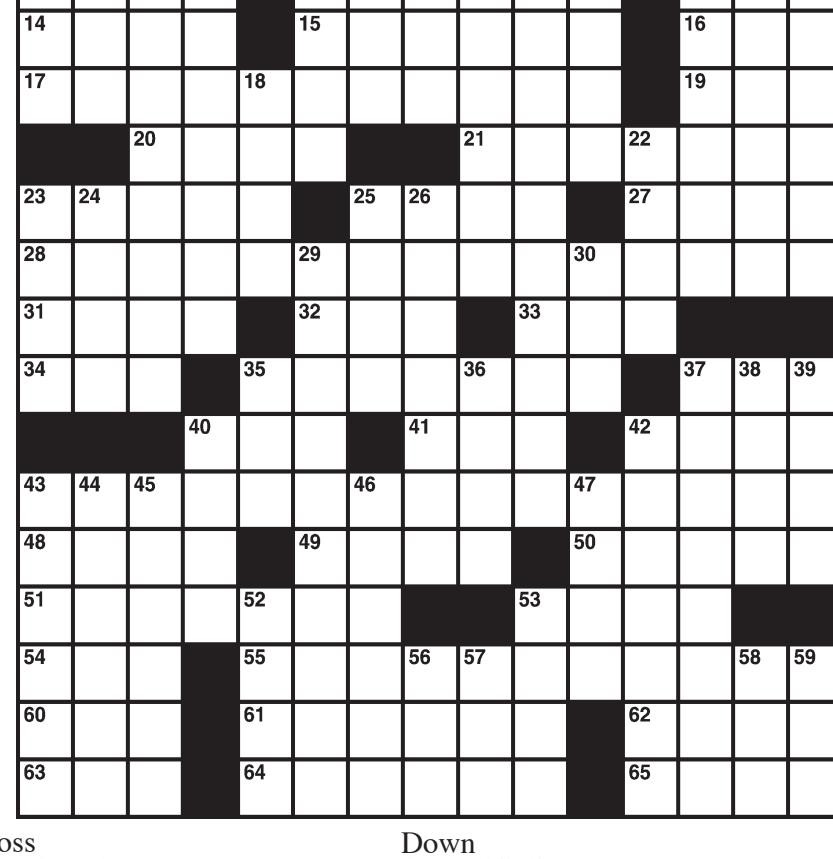
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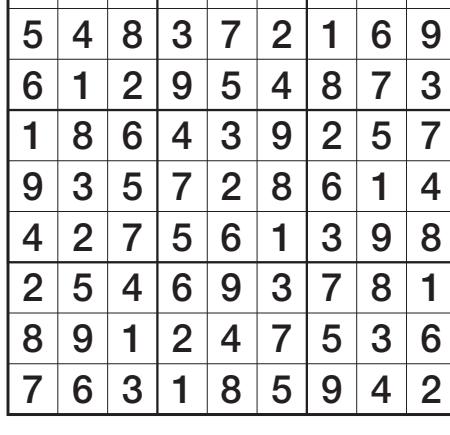
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- 60 Race segment
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- 5 Ponder
- 6 Unspecified amount
- 7 Messy barbecue morsel
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- 9 Nutritionist's recommendation
- 10 Hit __ spell
- 11 Engross
- 12 Sleuth played by Peter Lorre
- 13 Less refined
- 18 Pasta often baked
- 22 On one's guard
- 23 Black, in stanzas
- 24 Low area
- 25 "We get letters" '50s-'60s
- 26 Rhetorical skill
- 29 Group that goes through the motions?
- 30 "Prince Valiant" character
- 35 Dawn goddess
- 36 Currier's colleague
- 37 Inexpensively
- 38 Spirited party
- 39 "What's the big __?"
- 40 Pageant title
- 42 Sam Spade, e.g., slangily
- 43 School fund-raiser
- 44 Astronaut Collins
- 45 Feeling of resentment associated with the last words of the starred answers
- 46 Dirty dishes
- 47 Cinematic showdown hour
- 52 Wellness gps.
- 53 City near Sacramento
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Expansion leads to new scheduling format

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

The MIAA released football schedules for the next five years and elected to go with a rotating schedule, rather than dividing the league into two divisions.

The 2011 season will see the return of Lincoln (Mo.) University to the MIAA, giving each team 10 conference games and the option for one non-conference contest.

Starting in 2012 when Southwest Baptist University, the University of Central Oklahoma, Lindenwood University, the University of Nebraska-Kearney and Northeastern State (Okla.) University join the league, each team will play an 11-game schedule of MIAA opponents.

All 16 MIAA teams have been designated a natural or geographic rival that it will compete with in the final game of each season. Northwest's natural and geographic rival is Missouri Western, seeing as the universities are only 45 miles apart.

The rivalry game will rotate home and away every season, leaving five home and five away games each season. Northwest and Pittsburg State will be exceptions with the Fall Classic at Arrowhead scheduled to run through at least 2013.

Each school will have

2011 Football Schedule			
Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Sept. 1	Truman*	Kirkville, Mo.	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Sioux Falls	Bearcat Stadium	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	Lincoln*	Jefferson City, Mo.	TBA
Sept. 24	Fort Hays State* (Family Weekend)	Bearcat Stadium	1 p.m.
Oct. 1	Pittsburg State* Fall Classic X	Arrowhead Stadium Kansas City, Mo.	TBA
Oct. 8	Central Missouri*	Warrensburg, Mo.	TBA
Oct. 15	Nebraska-Omaha*	Bearcat Stadium	1 p.m.
Oct. 22	Washburn* (Homecoming)	Bearcat Stadium	2 p.m.
Oct. 29	Missouri Southern*	Joplin, Mo.	TBA
Nov. 5	Missouri Western*	St. Joseph, Mo.	TBA
Nov. 12	Emporia State*	Bearcat Stadium	1 p.m.

* indicates MIAA match-up

its home opener in either week one or week two and will not play more than two games in a row at home or on the road.

Beginning in 2012, the schedule will be based on a two-year cycle, with each team playing the same 11 teams in consecutive years with only the home designation being switched in the second year of the cycle. Four opponents will

rotate off each university's

schedule every two years. During the 2012-13 seasons, Northwest will play Nebraska-Omaha, Central Missouri, Fort Hays State, Northeastern State, Central Oklahoma, Pittsburg State, Missouri Southern, Washburn, Emporia State and Missouri Western.

For the 2014-15 seasons, Northeastern State, Central Oklahoma, Washburn and Emporia State will rotate out. Southwest

Baptist, Lincoln, Truman State and Lindenwood will rotate in.

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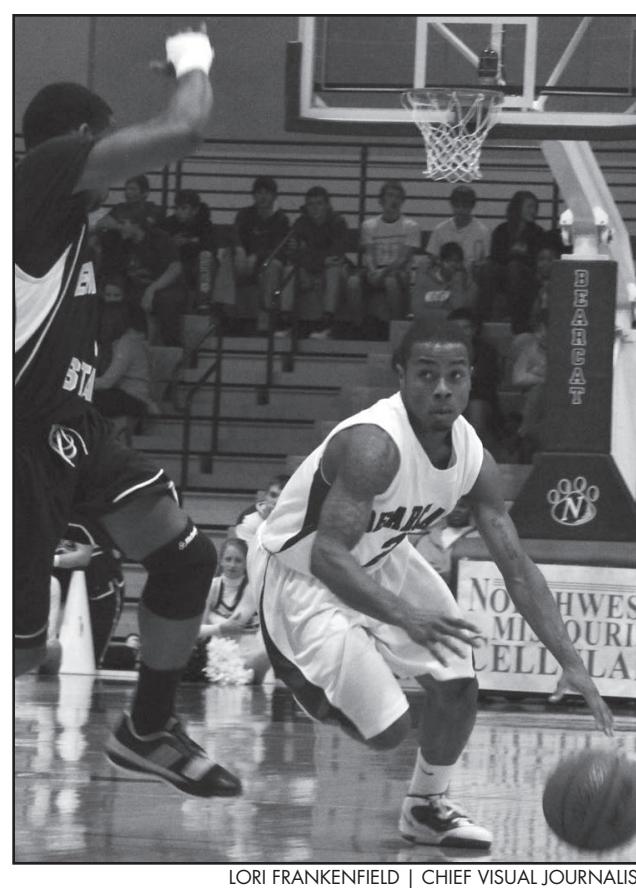
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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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SOPHOMORE GUARD DESHAUN Cooper sprints past an Emporia State defender at Saturday's game in Bearcat Arena. Cooper scored 23 points and added four assists in the 'Cats' 74-62 loss to Emporia.

G. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Maryville	12-2	1-0
Bishop LeBlond	12-2	1-0
Smithville	10-4	1-0
Savannah	8-5	1-1
Cameron	8-6	0-1
Benton	8-8	0-1
Chillicothe	5-5	0-1
Lafayette	3-10	0-1

Monday:

MARYVILLE vs Lathrop

Thursday:

MARYVILLE at Smithville

B. BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS

	Overall	MEC
Cameron	15-0	2-0
Lafayette	12-6	1-0
Maryville	11-5	1-1
Bishop LeBlond	4-9	1-1
Smithville	10-5	0-0
Savannah	7-5	0-1
Benton	2-14	0-1
Chillicothe	3-10	0-2

Today:

MARYVILLE at East Buchanan

Tuesday:

MARYVILLE at Bishop LeBlond

M. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
Mo. Southern	15-1	11-1
Fort Hays	16-2	10-2
Washburn	11-5	8-4
Neb.-Omaha	10-6	7-5
Emporia St.	10-8	7-5
Mo. Western	8-8	6-5
Pitt. State	10-6	6-6
Central Mo.	11-7	6-6
S.W. Baptist	11-7	5-6
Truman	5-11	3-9
NORTHWEST	4-12	2-10
Lincoln (Mo.)	2-14	0-12

Wednesday:

Washburn at NORTHWEST

Mo. Southern at Central Mo.

Emporia St. at Mo. Western

Pitt. State at Truman

Fort Hays at Neb.-Omaha

Saturday:

NORTHWEST at Fort Hays

Central Mo. at Pitt. State

Neb.-Omaha at Lincoln (Mo.)

S.W. Baptist at Mo. Southern

Mo. Western at Washburn

W. BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS

	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST	14-2	10-2
Washburn	14-2	10-2
Emporia St.	12-4	9-3
Mo. Southern	10-6	8-4
Pitt. State	9-7	7-5
Mo. Western	9-6	6-5
Truman	8-8	6-6
Central Mo.	9-9	5-7
Fort Hays	7-9	4-8
S.W. Baptist	6-9	3-8
Neb.-Omaha	6-10	3-9
Lincoln (Mo.)	1-15	0-12

Wednesday:

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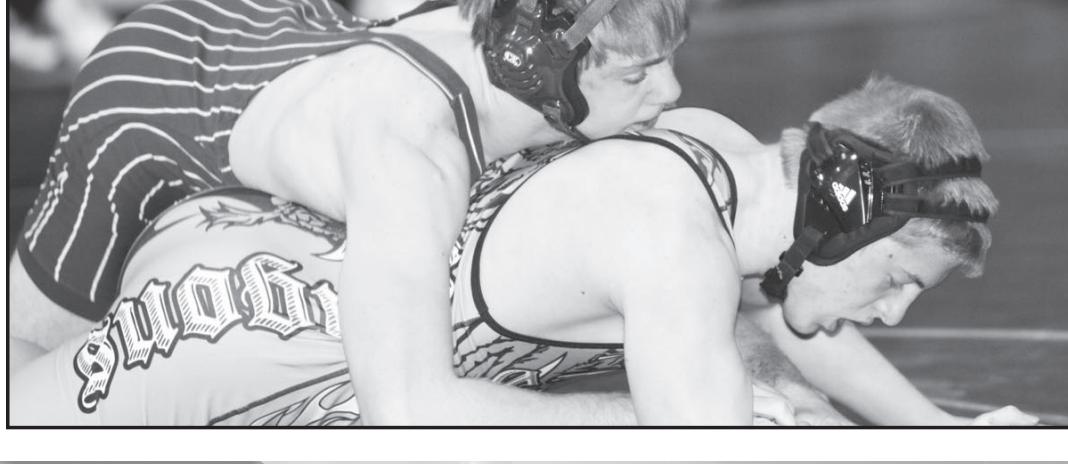
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JUNIOR BROOKE BYLAND looks for an open teammate in the 'Hounds' 65-21 win over Notre Dame de Sion Monday. Maryville takes on Lathrop at 7 p.m. Monday at Maryville High School.

WRESTLING

SOPHOMORE WRESTLER JORDAN Zech attempts to break down a Cameron opponent Saturday at the MEC Tournament in Savannah. Zech claimed the 160 pound title at the tournament.

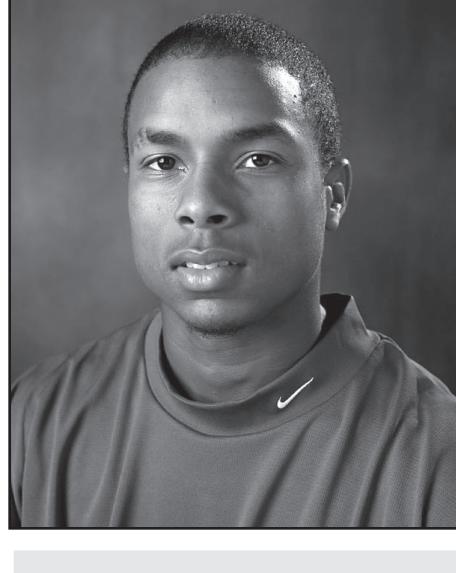
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

BEARCATS

DeShaun Cooper



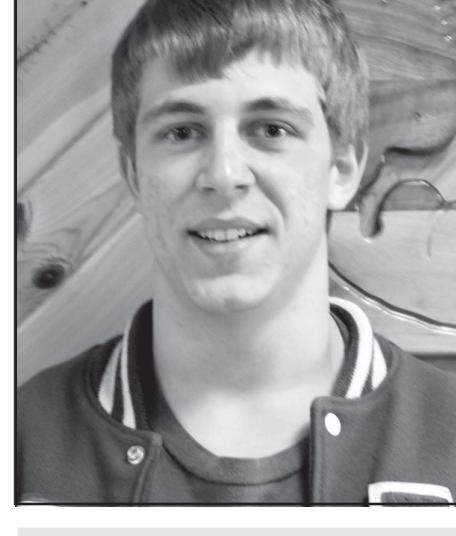
Sophomore guard DeShaun Cooper scored 23 points in the Bearcats' 74-62 loss to Emporia State on Saturday. Cooper averages a team-high 15.7 points per game.

Abby Henry



Junior guard Abby Henry dropped in 26 points in handing No. 11 Emporia State an 86-67 loss, pushing the Bearcats' winstreak to 10 games.

Tyler Peve



Senior guard Tyler Peve scored a team-high 14 points in the Spoofhounds' 44-36 loss Tuesday night to Lafayette that dropped their record to 11-5.

Molly Stiens



Senior guard Molly Stiens scored a team-high 16 points in the Spoofhounds' 62-51 win over Notre Dame de Sion on Monday night, pushing Maryville to 13-2.

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BEARCATS

A winding road to Northwest

Curtis matures in second season with 'Cats

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

One piece of a ragtag group pieced together to form the best starting five in the MIAA, Gabby Curtis has had a long journey from her home in Ganado, Ariz., to starting guard at Northwest.

Curtis started playing basketball at a young age in a basketball-crazed community. She even led her team to the first state championship in school history her senior season. Her efforts earned her small school player of the year honors in Arizona.

"I started at a young age in basketball," Curtis said. "I didn't really think I had a future in it until my junior year or senior year in high school playing on a AAU team and just having fun with playing basketball. It was something I wanted to continue to play."

Curtis has grown as a player since last season, averaging nearly 17 points per game after averaging just 11 last season. Head coach Gene Steinmeyer believes not only her basketball game has matured, but all aspects of her life.

"She's a little bit of a bashful kid until you get to know her," Steinmeyer said. "She wasn't a great student all the time last year, but she is an excellent student now; she's even talking about grad school. She's a lot more coachable. She realizes what she has to do to succeed and she's taken a leadership role. I think there is one word that we use for all that. I think that's called maturity."

With her collegiate career winding down, there are still a few goals Curtis wants to accomplish. One is making the trip to St. Joseph, Mo. and

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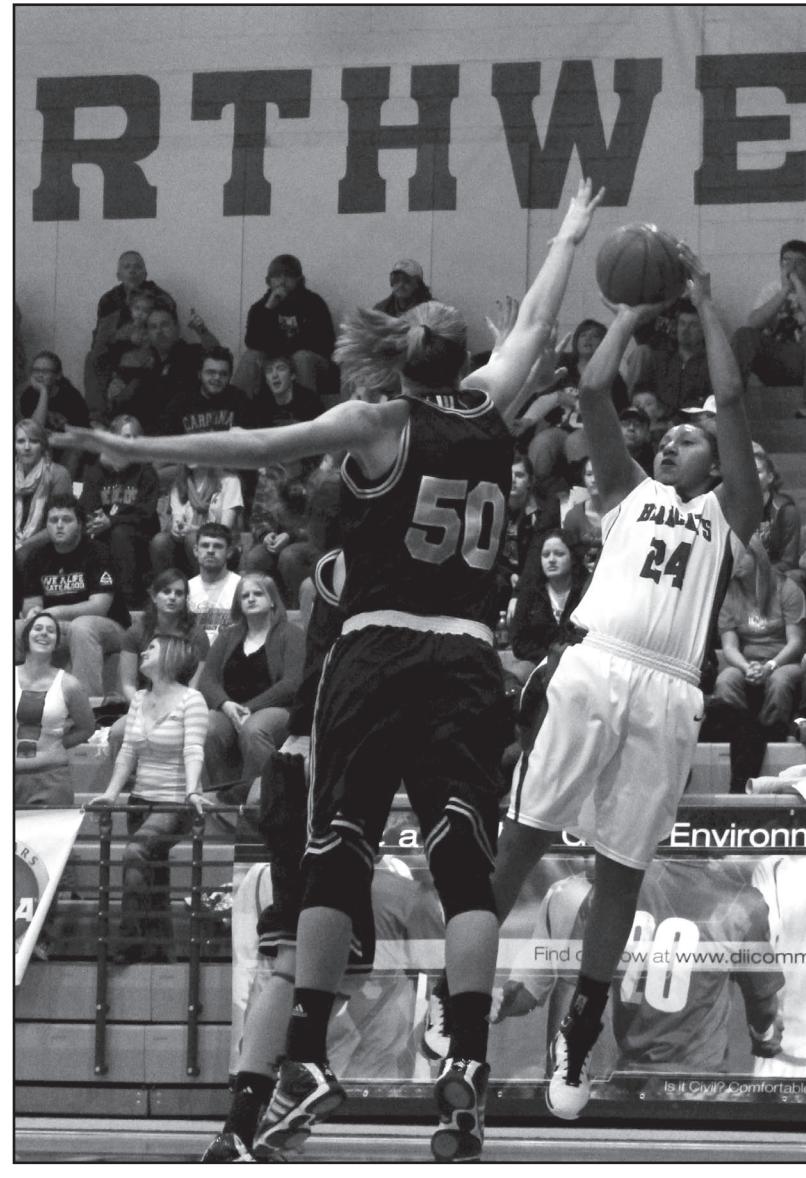
	2010	2011
Points	11.7	16.9
FG Pct	.36	.46
3 pt Pct	.31	.42
FT Pct	.75	.78
FG Att/g	14.5	11.4
Steals	1.7	1.7
Minutes	29	30
Assists	2.5	2.8

hoisting the national championship trophy.

"I'm just going out there and playing my heart out because it's my last year," Curtis said. "I want to finish out winning the national championship. I really want a ring; I think we all want a ring. Coaches keep telling me I've got to be more aggressive offensively, so that's what I'm doing so far."

Gabby said that she wants to continue her career by playing professionally in Europe, but if that doesn't work out she will look at becoming a graduate assistant. Steinmeyer believes she has the opportunity to continue her career at some level.

"You have to be good to play in Europe, but it's also like a starting point," Steinmeyer said. "You kind of compare it to the baseball minor leagues. There is a single A, Double A or Triple A and Independent League. That's what women's basketball is like in Europe. I'm not sure what level she'll start at but I think she has the opportunity to play at some level in Europe. If nothing else, it gets her expenses paid while she has an excellent experience in another country."



SENIOR GUARD GABBY Curtis shoots a fadeaway jumper over two Emporia State defenders on Saturday. Curtis chipped in 15 points in the win over the Hornets.

KEVIN BIRDSELL | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

Shaw shows impact in first competition of year

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

Head coach Scott Lorek had reasons to be pleased with the results the men's and women's track team produced last weekend at the Nebraska Wesleyan Invitational.

"(It was) a solid weekend," head coach Scott Lorek said. "We had some good improvements. Our field events people are doing well technically. Things are coming along much better."

"It was a real solid performance, real solid meet and we're looking forward to our field events people to really have some good performances this weekend."

Lorek not only saw improvements to individual's times, but to their psyche as well.

"One of things we had

talked about was turning frustration into determination," Lorek said. "We turned that around from week one to week two. It was kind of a mental thing and that was a good step for us."

Two Bearcats walked away with individual first places, while junior Tyler Shaw, who was competing for the first time this season, sprinted his way to runner-up honors in the 60-meter hurdles.

"That's something we decided actually back in October that we would (hold him out)," Lorek said. "So much about what we do is really having that confidence and really feeling ready to go when you're ready."

"(It's) a little bit surprising coming off of football. But, he did a good job over Christmas break. Technically, and I can't ex-

plain this, but technically he's better right now in the hurdles than he has been, which really doesn't make much sense."

Shaw a returning All-American also captured a NCAA provisional qualifying time of 8.12 seconds. He later ran an 8.17 in the finals en route to second place.

He followed his performance at Wesleyan with a fifth place finish in the same event at the Iowa State Open, with a time of 8.25, later in the weekend.

Senior Kate Walter tossed her way to the top spot in the women's weight throw. Her first throw of the day, 54 feet, 4 inches, captured the individual title and ranks 14th in the nation among other athletes.

Sophomore Katti Carroll outlasted 23 other competitors in the 3,000-

meter run and claimed the Bearcats' second individual championship. Her time of 10 minutes, 28.09 seconds was 24 seconds faster than the next finisher and 30 seconds faster than the mark she set last week. Carroll's time was also good enough to slide her into sixth all-time in program history.

Across the state-line, freshman Ashli Mosby matched Shaw's finish in the 60-meter hurdle, running a 9.12 second heat to claim fifth place.

Sophomore pole-vaulter Will Haer brought home sixth place after clearing 14 feet, 7.25 inches.

Senior shot putter Eric Rickert also made a top 10 appearance with his throw of 47 feet, 9.25 inches.

Northwest travels to Warrensburg, Mo. this weekend to compete in the Mule Relays.



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HEAD COACH SCOTT Bostwick outlines the direction of the Northwest football program.

Bostwick introduced as coach

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

a long time. There's a good place to start. That's goal one."

Bostwick takes the job as patriarch of the Bearcat football family. Baker said that in discussions with President John Jasinski everything they discussed kept coming back to one person, Scott Bostwick.

"If somebody's going to replace Mel, this is the best way to do it," Bostwick said. "Every coach over there understands Bearcat football inside and out. ... This made the most sense, rather than bringing somebody in who doesn't understand from the outside."

Bostwick not only has a new position, but a new hat. Baker presented him with a new green hat to wear on the sidelines as head coach, replacing the legendary red hat.

"The red hat had a reason," Bostwick said. "Years ago when the no-huddle offense first started they kept saying, 'We can't see you, we can't see you' and my nephew was standing next to me holding a board."

"He had a red hat on, and I took my Bearcat hat off and gave him that, took his red hat and put it on and the kids were like, 'Hey, we can see you now' and it stuck. I've gone through four red hats."

Bostwick's first tilt as head coach will be Sept. 1 at Truman State.

Nebraska-Wesleyan Invitational results

Name	Event	Time/Distance	Record
Austin Gray	weight throw	54-feet-5.5-inches	fifth in program history
Kayli Hrdlicka	1,000m	3:07.06	fifth in program history
Alisa Winquist	weight throw	46-feet-6.75-inches	eighth in program history
T.R. Pursell	1,000m	2:34.96	ninth in program history
Courtney Mitchell	60m	7.95s	ninth in program history
Heidi Johnson	1,000m	3:10.19	ninth in program history

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Dropping the ball

Men's basketball tries to right sinking ship

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

All the frustration of a season that started with so much promise came out on one play Saturday afternoon.

Senior forward Elijah Allen, playing with four fouls, swatted an Emporia State shot out of bounds, then turned around with the dejected look of another loss on his face. The game was out of reach, down nine with a little over two minutes left, but it represented the downward spiral the season has taken.

"It's frustrating, definitely," Allen said. "Losing as many games as we have, knowing we should have had some of them is definitely frustrating."

The losses have piled on this season, 12 so far with 10 games left on the schedule, but it has not just been the losses. The nature of the losses, and

two losing streaks of at least five games, is what makes this season so intriguing.

Half of the losses have come by five points or less, two more have been by less than 10, and the other four have been by 12 or 13 points.

"It's a process, it's not something that happens overnight," head coach Ben McCollum said. "There's a lot of close games that we're just not winning that we

need to be able to win. We're just not able to get stops when we need stops, so that's part of it, but it will continue to take time. Hopefully we can stay with the process and generate some wins."

The Bearcats have led early and late, but have not been able to hold on or finish off opponents. Several common themes have been evident throughout the season, especially in the second half of Saturday's 74-62 loss.

"We didn't guard anybody. We didn't play any defense," McCollum said. "We didn't play with enough energy to get it done and that's what happens when you don't guard anybody."

"First and foremost we have to guard somebody. We just don't guard anybody. It's all we work in in practice and we can guard ourselves, but we're not a great offensive team and that's part of the problem, probably. We get a false sense of confidence from practice."

The wins, however, have all been convincing. The smallest margin of victory was 12 points. Both times the Bearcats got one win (Graceland, Lincoln (Mo.)), they followed it up with a second one (Baker, Mo. West), before losing in bunches.

"It's like earlier in the season when we got that win versus Lincoln and then went and got the Mo. West game," Allen said. "I just think once you get that win, it puts a decent feeling on your back that you keep bringing from game to game."

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SENIOR FORWARD ARUNAS Simanavicius sulks after a 74-62 loss to Emporia State, Saturday at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats have lost 12 games so far this season with 10 games left.

COLUMN

Social networking pits athletes, teams against each other

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

This weekend gave sports fans a look into what Twitter does to professional athletes. It turns them against members of their union or those that lead their teams.

Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler was attacked via the social networking site by numerous current and former players for an undisclosed injury that kept him out of the NFC Championship Game against the Green Bay Packers.

Seven of the top 10 trends on Twitter on Sunday afternoon were about the game, more notably, Cutler. Not only that, ESPN made Cutler and all of the tweets one of its top stories Sunday evening into Monday.

Several players criticized his heart, his body language and even questioned his injury. Only on Monday when it came out that Cutler had reportedly torn his MCL in the first half, did some of those tweets get retracted for more subtle messages.

Jacksonville Jaguars linebacker Kirk Morrison was one of the most constant tweeters about Cutler and his injury. In the fourth quarter he posted "If my knee was hurt or acl/mcl/pcl sprain, I would not be standing up on the sideline."

The following morning, when more information was released, Morrison backtracked a little, tweeting "I've never questioned Jay Cutler's toughness or his injury. I'm a Jay Cutler fan and respect him as a player and a person" and "Never questioned injury but Attitude & body language."

Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco, one of the NFL's most constant tweeters lashed out at the Bengals franchise and head coach Marvin Lewis via his Twitter site after Lewis said Bill Belichick of the New England Patriots is "smarter than that" about going after Ochocinco.

Ochocinco fired back "Me and Marvin Lewis in a cage match, set it up, I've earned my stripes on my helmet it's time to fight then play."

This isn't the first time Ochocinco has caused a stir via Twitter. And it probably won't be the last.

This age of real-time coverage and, in these cases, criticism is getting out of control. Giving networks and people access to the up-to-the-minute thoughts of professional athletes and other celebrities is creating a new angle to sports coverage.

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Women crack Top 25 for 1st time in 7 years

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

The Northwest women's basketball team is in rare company.

The Bearcats are riding a 10-game winning streak going into Wednesday's match-up with No. 9 Washburn. Only twice before in program history has a team won more games consecutively. A win over Washburn would move the streak into a tie for second in program history with the 1974-75 team.

"We're having a lot of fun right now," junior guard Abby Henry said. "Our confidence is high. We're having fun. We're playing together. Everybody seems to be on the same page, so things are really good."

Northwest knocked off defending National Champion No. 11 Emporia State

86-67. The 'Cats trailed 39-35 going into halftime.

Junior Guard Shelly Martin helped spark a 22-4 run in the second half to build the final margin. Martin hit three 3-pointers in 1 minute 45 seconds to give the 'Cats the momentum.

"That was huge," Henry said. "In the locker room at half time she said she wanted some shots so we got her some and they fell so that was really big for us."

The win moves Northwest into the Women's Basketball Coaches Association poll at the No. 23 spot. It is the first time since 2004 the 'Cats have been in the top 25.

"It makes us a contender," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "No matter what happens with Washburn, I think we established we're going to be in this thing to the end."

No matter what happens with Washburn I think we established we're going to be in this thing to the end."

Gene Steinmeyer
head coach

well, but all five of us got to finally play well."

The 'Cats travel to Fort Hays State at 2 p.m. Saturday to face the Tigers. Northwest returns home with a match-up with Pitt State at 5:30 Wednesday at Bearcat Arena.

SENIOR POST GENTRY Dietz goes up over two defenders for a lay in on Saturday. The 'Cats beat Emporia State 86-67, improving to 10-2 in conference play.



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